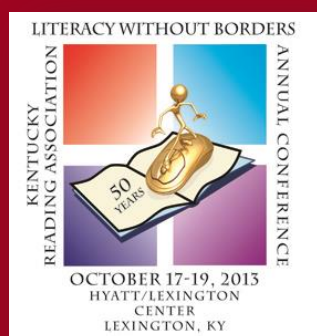# KENTUCKY SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA NEWS

## A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR KENTUCKY SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS

## Upcoming Conferences

### KY Reading Association Conference
Oct. 17-19
Lexington
Register here

### Ohio Kentucky Indiana Children's Literature Conference
Featuring Candace Fleming and Steve Jenkins
Nov. 2
Thomas More College
Register here

## PROJECT-BASED LEARNING IN THE LIBRARY

Have you read *the Characteristics of Highly Effective Teaching and Learning in the Library* (CHETL) lately? Throughout the document are references to project-based learning – a type of learning that should be happening in school libraries across the state.

According to the Buck Institute for Education, project-based learning happens when "students go through an extended process of inquiry in response to a complex question, problem, or challenge. While allowing for some degree of student 'voice and choice,' rigorous projects are carefully planned, managed, and assessed to help students learn key academic content, practice 21st Century Skills (such as collaboration, communication & critical thinking), and create high-quality, authentic products & presentations."

As schools implement practices to support the 4 Cs of 21st-century skills, the library media center should be the place where students hone these skills. And the library media specialist is the best person in the school building to facilitate this type of learning.

According to Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday, "They (students) need all these (21st-century) skills to interpret the information they're getting. This is probably the most important skill that we'll give our kids for the future – the ability to analyze, reason and think critically. And there's no better place for it to happen, and no better people to lead it, than the people sitting in this room." (Terry Holliday, Commissioner of Education, 2010 KSMA Summer Refresher). See his entire speech here.

Share your ideas about project-based learning on a padlet at http://padlet.com/wall/KYlibrarymedia. Double click on the padlet wall to add your idea. Then be sure to check back to see what others have added!

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# PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND EFFECTIVENESS SYSTEM (PGES) FOR 'OTHER PROFESSIONALS'



**Paul Lanata**



**Becky Nelson**

Gov. Steve Beshear signed House Bill 180 into law on April 15, 2013. House Bill 180, sponsored by former State Representative and House Education Committee Chairman Carl Rollins, requires the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to have a statewide system of evaluation for all certified personnel in place for use in the 2014-15 school year. The Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES) is a comprehensive statewide system designed to help certified educators understand and implement the evaluation framework and make changes necessary for all students in Kentucky to become college- and career-ready. The legislation calls for multiple measures of effectiveness, including student-growth data, and meets one of the main requirements for Kentucky's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) waiver.

Becky Nelson, library media specialist at Hearn Elementary School in Franklin County and Paul Lanata, director of Library Media Services for the Jefferson County school district are members of the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES) "Other Professionals" advisory work group. "Other Professionals" is the name used for school librarians, nurses, school psychologists, speech therapists and "other certified professionals." This work group had its first meeting Sept. 23 and established that it will be responsible for reviewing "Other Professionals" research and best practice related to teacher effectiveness and support systems, and developing and recommending PGES "Other Professionals" guidance for statewide implementation efforts.

The work of the members of the advisory group includes looking carefully at the components of the classroom teacher PGES, in particular the effectiveness measures of student growth; professional growth and self-reflection; student voice; developing quality student growth goals; and peer observation. Nelson and Lanata will be considering where the work of a school librarian aligns and where it does not. There is much to be accomplished, and your input will be necessary to meet the timeline that KDE has established. Please watch for updates from Nelson and Lanata on the PGES "Other Professionals" work group.

## For more information about PGES, click <u>here</u>.

## Did you know?

*School Library Journal's* snapshot of 19 e-book vendors outlines the suppliers' range of offerings, terms of use and pricing options. Which ones will best meet your school's needs and budget?
**<u>www.thedigitalshift.com/2013/09/ebooks/sljs-school-ebook-market-directory/</u>**

# KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS (KASL) NAMES 2013 AWARD WINNERS



**Outstanding School Media Librarian**
Melissa Gardner, Kenton Elementary



**Donna Hornsby Joint Technology Award**
Elizabeth Riggs and Tara Griffith,
W.R. McNeill Elementary



**KASL Student Technology Award**
Christine McGaughey, Westridge
Elementary; Jennifer Holmes, librarian



**Jesse Stuart Award**
Leigh Anne Florence, Woody Books



**Service Award for School Administrators**
Keith Thomas Faust, Woodfill Elementary

**Award of Merit**
Jennifer Davis, director of Curriculum
and Instruction,
Bowling Green Independent Schools
**(Picture not available)**



**Barby Hardy Lifetime Achievement Award**
Terri Grief, McCracken County High
(Pictured with Charlie Hardy)



**Outstanding School Library Website**
Kathy Mansfield, Heritage Elementary

## Read KASL award descriptions here:
www.kysma.org/KASL/Awards.html

## Did you know?
KASL is the professional organization for all Kentucky school librarians, a state affiliate of the Kentucky Library Association and a national affiliate of the American Association of School Librarians and the American Library Association.

**FEATURED KENTUCKY LIBRARY BLOG**

*The Library Fox*
Click **here**.

**FEATURED BLOG POSTS**

**"Creating Blogs and Websites"**
from the *Free Technology for Teachers* blog
Click **here**.

**"Keeping Your Library Collection Smelling F.R.E.S.H.!"**
from *The Adventures of Library Girl* blog
Click **here**.

**FEATURED PD RESOURCE**

**PD360: "Beyond Proficiency @ your library"**
Click **here**.

**FEATURED ARTICLE**

**"Why You Need Your School Librarian"** (*Kentucky Teacher*)
By Kim Shearer, 2012 KY Teacher of the Year and Boone County school librarian
Click **here**.

## KENTUCKY LIBRARIANS CONNECT ONLINE

Do you blog? Do you Tweet? Do you subscribe to podcasts? How do you stay connected with others in the school library profession? Kentucky school librarians are fortunate to have virtual professional learning networks (PLNs) provided by their own colleagues. Two Kentucky school library blogs have been featured in this newsletter so far ("Elementary Librarian" – Summer 2013 and "The Library Fox" – Fall 2013). Be sure to check out ideas and strategies from the bloggers, both of whom are elementary school librarians.

KyLChat# (Kentucky Library Chat) was started by Heidi Neltner, Johnson Elementary librarian. The first Twitter chat was Sept. 23 on the topics "Hottest Books of the Season" and "Book Awards." Join the lively discussions the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m.

Kentucky school librarians also connect using PD360. Join the "Kentucky School Librarians" group to discuss all sorts of topics related to school library media programs. Access to CIITS is required to join the group.

Listed below are other social media connections associated with the Kentucky Department of Education. Join a discussion to learn and to contribute!

- "Like" KDE on Facebook: www.facebook.com/kydeptofed
- Follow KDE on Twitter: www.twitter.com/kydeptofed
- Subscribe to *Kentucky Teacher* online: www.kentuckyteacher.org
- Follow Dr. Holliday's blog: http://kyedcommissioner.blogspot.com/
- Participate in a Twitter Chat: #KyLChat (Kentucky Librarians), #KyEdChat (Kentucky Educators)

**"Like" Kentucky Association of School Librarians (KASL) on Facebook:**
www.facebook.com/pages/Kentucky-Association-of-School-Librarians-KASL/263816356965943

## Did you know?

You can obtain login credentials from CIITS (Continuous Instructional Improvement Technology System) by going to https://ciits.kyschools.us/.

## *KY School Library Media News* Archives

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Volume 3, Issue 4: Spring 2012
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Volume 1, Issue 1: Fall 2009

## AASL Crosswalks

English/language arts

Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies

Reading Standards for Literacy in Science & Technical Subjects

Writing Standards for Literacy in HSST Subjects

Mathematics

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## Professional Organizations

Kentucky Association of School Librarians (KASL)
http://www.kysma.org/KASL/Welcome.html

Kentucky Library Association (KLA)
www.kylibasn.org/

American Association of School Librarians (AASL)
www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl

American Library Association (ALA)
www.ala.org

Kentucky Reading Association (KRA)
www.kyreading.org

## KYVL – KCAS Resources

KYVL and KY Core Academic Standards K-5

KYVL and KY Core Academic Standards 6-12

Kentuckiana Digital Library

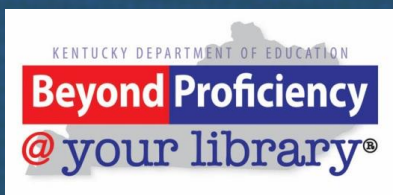## Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL)

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